

SENATE RESOLUTION 7

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Fair Garden Family Community Center on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those organizations that are pillars in their communities, providing vital services that enrich the lives of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is the Fair Garden Family Community Center in East Knoxville, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, December 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, with the theme of "Celebrating the Past, Present, and Future of Fair Garden," the celebration highlighted the school's history and gave past and present students an opportunity to reflect publicly about the school and its effects on their lives and the community; and

WHEREAS, the building that currently houses Fair Garden Family Community Center was built in 1916 to serve as an elementary school for East Knoxville's Burlington Community; Fair Garden Elementary School, as it was called, was a Knoxville City School; and

WHEREAS, the Knoxville City School System merged with the Knox County School System in 1987; three years later, because of changes that resulted from the merger, Fair Garden Elementary School was closed; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a concerted effort by local business and community leaders led to the establishment of the Fair Garden Family and Community Center as a school for preschool-aged children; and

WHEREAS, currently, the center is licensed through the Tennessee Department of Education as a Title I program designed to broaden the scope of services to accommodate the

total family; the program offers services for Title I eligible preschoolers ages three through five and helps promote and deliver support for the health and education of these children; and

WHEREAS, parents, senior citizens, and the community are vital to the school's mission to serve children, empower parents, strengthen families, and support communities; and

WHEREAS, in striving to help students in the areas of academic, social, and emotional intelligence, the Fair Garden Family Community Center has played an invaluable role in the lives of children and families of East Knoxville for a century now, and it is appropriate that we recognize this stalwart organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we recognize and commend the Fair Garden Family Community Center on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and extend our best wishes for much future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.